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- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Request for Extension of Time.
- No Additional Fee.

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Indep. Claims: 20	*20*	0	x 42=	\$	x 84=	\$0.00
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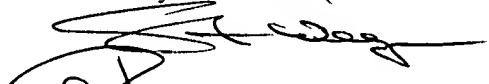
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 11, 2003, in which the three month shortened statutory period for responding runs to July 11, 2003, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the present invention is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 2-25 as being obvious over U.S. Patent 5,826,226 to OZAWA in view of U.S. Patent 5,293,449 to TZENG. Applicants submit that the prior art combination suggested by the Examiner neither teaches, nor suggests Applicants' invention, as defined by the pending claims.